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**Public input sought for development of new coordinated plan for Missouri higher education**

*First meetings set for Dec. 11 in O'Fallon and St. Louis*

The first two public hearings for the development of a new coordinated plan for higher education in Missouri will be held Dec. 11 in O'Fallon and St. Louis.

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education will officially launch an initiative to develop a new blueprint for higher education during its Dec. 10 public meeting at St. Charles Community College.

The board will approve a resolution calling for the new plan and a steering committee composed of private citizens and representatives from commerce, industry, government and education.

The Missouri Department of Higher Education will spend the next year developing the plan: *Preparing Missourians to Succeed: A Blueprint for Higher Education*. A final plan will be presented to the board for approval in December 2015.

The Dec. 11 public hearings will be held at:

- **O'Fallon** - 9:25 a.m. to noon at Component Bar Company, Midwest Machine Tool Training Center (MMTTC), 3855 Corporate Center Drive, O'Fallon.
- **St. Louis** - 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the St. Louis Regional Chamber of Commerce, 1 Metropolitan Square, Suite 1300, St. Louis.

Additional public meetings are planned in Jefferson City, Columbia, Kirksville, St. Joseph, Kansas City, Springfield and Cape Girardeau. The times, dates and locations of the meetings will be available at [dhe.mo.gov/blueprint](http://dhe.mo.gov/blueprint) as they are finalized.

The public also can submit written comments at [dhe.mo.gov/blueprint](http://dhe.mo.gov/blueprint).

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